

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Original) A portable telephone unit comprising a
2 waterproof rib formed of a soft material provided on the
3 periphery of a joint surface of upper and lower cases
4 formed of hard material, that is, on a cavity side of a
5 mold, integrally with said hard material, wherein said
6 waterproof rib is fitted into a waterproof groove opposed
7 thereto, thereby to join the upper and lower cases
8 water-tightly to each other.

1 2. (Original) The portable telephone unit according to
2 Claim 1, wherein the waterproof groove opposed to said
3 waterproof rib is formed of the soft material.

1 3. (Original) The portable telephone unit according to
2 Claim 1, wherein a leading end shape of said waterproof rib
3 is formed of a fan-shaped section.

1 4. (Amended) A portable telephone unit comprising soft
2 material that protrudes more than hard material formed on
3 surfaces of upper and lower cases formed of the hard
4 material, wherein a portion of a surface of the soft

5 material is corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

5. (Cancelled)

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1 6. (Amended) The A portable telephone unit according
2 to claim 4, wherein the comprising soft material which
3 covers a grip portion of the upper and lower cases.

1 7. (New) A portable telephone unit comprising:
2 an upper case;
3 a lower case coupled to the upper case;
4 a waterproof rib formed of soft material located on a
5 periphery of one of the upper and lower cases; and
6 a waterproof groove formed of the soft material
7 located on a periphery of the other of the upper and lower
8 cases,
9 wherein the waterproof rib and the waterproof groove
10 are coupled together to facilitate a waterproof coupling
11 between the upper case and the lower case.

1 8. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,
2 wherein a leading end shape of the waterproof rib is formed
3 of a fan-shaped section.

1 9. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,
2 wherein the upper and lower cases are formed of a hard
3 resin material.

A. 1 10. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,
2 further comprising the soft material formed on surfaces of
3 the upper and lower cases to facilitate shock-absorption.

1 11. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 10,
2 wherein the soft material formed on the surfaces of the
3 upper and lower cases comprises a plurality of convexities.

1 12. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 10,
2 wherein the soft material formed on the surfaces of the
3 upper and lower cases is formed on a gripping portion of
4 the portable telephone.

1 13. (New) The portable telephone unit of claim 7,
2 wherein at least one of the waterproof rib and the
3 waterproof groove is formed integrally with at least one of
4 the upper case and the lower case.
